

Bartlett City Board of Education		6014
Descriptor Term: HOME SCHOOLS	Descriptor Code: Student Services	Issue Date: 06/23/2014
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1 A "home school" is a school conducted or directed by a parent or parents or legal
2 guardian or guardians for their own children. Home schools which teach K-12 where
3 the parents are associated with an organization that conducts church-related schools (as
4 defined by *Tennessee Code Annotated* §49-50-801) are exempt from the following
5 provisions, but must follow procedures issued by the State Department of Education.

6 A parent wishing to conduct a home school shall meet the following requirements:¹

- 7 1. Provide annual notice to the Superintendent or his/her designee before the
8 commencement of each school year of the intent to conduct a home school;
- 9 2. Submit to the Superintendent or his/her designee the name, number, age, grade
10 level of children involved, location of the school, curriculum to be offered,
11 proposed hours of instruction, qualifications of the parent/teacher;
- 12 3. Maintain attendance records, subject to inspection by the Superintendent;
- 13 4. Submit attendance records to the Superintendent at the end of each school year;
- 14 5. Provide instruction for at least four (4) hours per day for the same number of
15 instructional days as are required by state law for public schools;
- 16 6. Possess a high school diploma or a high school equivalency credential approved by
17 the State Board of Education²;
- 18 7. Ensure the administration to home school students of appropriate tests approved
19 by the Commissioner of Education, tests by a professional testing service approved
20 by BCS, or standardized tests selected by the parent-teacher that provide nationally
21 normed analytics in the subjects of English and mathematics, in grades five (5),
22 seven (7), and nine (9)³;
- 23 8. Submit proof to the Superintendent that other health services and examinations as
24 required by law have been received by the home school student; and
- 25 9. In the event of illness or inadequacy of the home school parent-teacher to teach a
26 specific subject, employ a tutor having the same qualifications as required of
27 parent/teacher.

¹ T.C.A. §49-6-3050

² T.C.A. 49-6-3050(b)

³ T.C.A. 49-6-3050(b)(5)

1 If one or more of these requirements are not met, the Board authorizes the
2 Superintendent to take formal action to bring the child into compliance with the
3 compulsory attendance law (until the child has reached age seventeen (17), either in the
4 home school or in a public, private, or church-related school).

5 The Superintendent, through his/her designee, shall have the attendance records
6 of the home school inspected at least two (2) times each school year in order to
7 provide assistance in implementing the Compulsory Attendance Law.

8 If a home school student falls more than one (1) year behind in the student's appropriate
9 grade level in his/her comprehensive test score for two (2) consecutive tests based upon
10 the tests required by State law, and if a certified teacher who would have taught the child
11 at his/her grade level determines through appropriate means that the student is not learning
12 disabled, then the Superintendent shall require the parents to enroll the child in a public,
13 private, or church-related school.